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1700 SAFETY

1701 Fire Safety

This section outlines the fire safety requirements for community residential settings which are operated or supported by DES/DDD.

1701.1 Fire Risk Profile

A Fire Risk Profile (FRP, DD-364, Appendix 1700.A) shall be completed for each community residential setting serving four (4) or more individuals. The FRP is a DES/DDD instrument that yields a score for a facility based on the ability of individuals to evacuate the community residential setting. The Fire Risk Profile should be updated when an individual enters or exits the residential program and when the needs of an individual in one or more of the seven categories outlined below changes significantly. The FRP should also be updated each time there is a structural change in the home. The FRP is required to be updated at least annually even if changes do not occur in the composition or structure of the setting. The FRP will be routinely reviewed for accuracy by DES/DDD; if concerns are identified, the issue will be referred to the Individual Support Plan (ISP) Team for resolution.

1701.1.1 Completion Instructions for the FRP

The name of each individual should be listed in the designated section of the FRP. Each individual should be evaluated on the seven (7) factors identified on the FRP, using the rating that best describes the individual. Place the appropriate ratings values in columns to the right. Add the values for each individual to determine the sum of his/her rating. If an individual's rating exceeds 100, use only 100. To determine the facility rating, add together the ratings of all individuals.

The following guidelines should be used in evaluating each individual's abilities and needs for the seven factors on the FRP:

- a. social adaptation - This factor rates the individual's willingness to assist others and to cooperate in the evacuation process.
 1. Positive - the individual is generally willing to assist others as far as (s)he is able and can participate in a

nonspecific "buddy system" - helping or alerting anyone close to him/her in a fire emergency who needs assistance to evacuate. The individual's physical ability to help should not be considered for this item because it will be addressed under other factors. (Rating of 0)

2. None - the individual does not usually interact with other individuals in everyday situations and, therefore, could not be expected to assist or alert others in a fire emergency. (Rating of 8)
3. Negative - the individual does not interact well with other individuals and exhibits frequent disruptive behavior. (S)he is likely to be uncooperative. (Rating of 16)

b. Mobility - This factor rates the individual's physical ability to initiate and complete an evacuation.

1. Within Normal Range - the individual is physically able to initiate and complete an evacuation. (Rating of 0)
2. Speed Impairment/Needs Some Assistance - the individual may require some initial staff assistance, e.g., getting out of bed, getting into a wheelchair, but can continue an evacuation without further assistance. (Rating of 50)
3. Needs Full Assistance - the individual may require the full attention of staff member throughout the evacuation. (Rating of 100)

c. Response to Instructions - This factor concerns the extent to which an individual can receive, comprehend and follow through with simple instructions from staff. Evaluate the amount of guidance required to be reasonably certain that individuals will follow through with instructions given during an evacuation. Consider only the individual's normal abilities to follow instructions; behavior under stress and sensory impairment are rated as separate factors.

1. Follows Verbal Instructions - the individual will reliably comprehend, remember and follow simple, brief instructions stated verbally or in sign language. (Rating of 0)
2. Requires Physical Guidance - the individual cannot be depended on to understand and follow directions, therefore, the individual may need to be guided,

- reminded, reassured or otherwise accompanied during the evacuation, but will not require the exclusive attention of a staff member. (Rating of 12)
3. Does Not Respond to Instructions - the individual may not respond to instructions or general guidance. The individual may require considerable assistance and most of the attention of a staff during the evacuation. (Rating of 24)
- d. Behavior Under Stress - This factor concerns the individual's ability to cope with the stress of an emergency.
1. No Significant Change - the individual will probably experience a level of stress that will not markedly interfere with his or her ability to evacuate. (Rating of 0)
 2. Degraded Reaction - the individual may react to a fire emergency with confusion, slowed reaction, poor adaptability to hazards or a partial (focal) or petit mal seizure that disables the individual for no more than 30 seconds. (Rating of 8)
 3. Significant Risk - the individual may react to a fire emergency with physical or passive resistance to evacuation or a grand mal, severe generalized or other seizure that disables the individual for longer than 30 seconds. (Rating of 16)
- e. Fire Awareness - This factor concerns the individual's ability to appropriately respond to fire related cues. Fire related cues include smoke, flames, fire alarms and warnings from others. Evaluate how well the individual is likely to perform in response to such cues, assuming that no one may be available to give them instructions at the time of the emergency.
1. Will Evacuate When Fire Signs are Present or Alarm Sounds - the individual will probably initiate and complete an evacuation in response to signs of an actual fire, warnings from other individuals or a fire alarm. Also, the individual can be depended on to avoid the hazards of a real fire such as flames and heavy smoke. (Rating of 0)
 2. Responds to Fire Signs/Alarms but Needs Assistance to Avoid Hazard - the individual will probably respond to an actual fire, warnings from other individuals or a fire alarm, however, the individual may not satisfactorily avoid the hazards of

- a fire or cannot be relied on to complete the evacuation without assistance. (Rating of 8)
3. No Fire Awareness/Needs Assistance - the individual does not respond to signs of an actual fire, warnings from staff or other individuals or a fire alarm. The individual should be closely attended by staff member during an emergency evacuation. (Rating of 16)
- f. Sensory Impairment - This factor evaluates any sensory impairment which, without adaptations, limits the individual's ability to evacuate.
1. Within Normal Limits/Needs No Assistance - the individual may have a severe hearing or sight loss but would need no assistance in case of fire evacuation. Placing someone in this category might require a consideration of special features in the home such as a strobe light and bed vibrator alerting systems. With these systems, a hearing impaired individual might qualify for this category. (Rating of 0)
 2. Impairment/Assistance Needed to Start Evacuation - the individual has severe hearing and/or sight loss and would need to be alerted to the presence of the fire emergency but, otherwise, could evacuate without assistance. (Rating of 10)
 3. Impairment/Assistance Needed Throughout Evacuation - the individual has severe hearing and/or sight loss and would need guidance or other assistance in order to evacuate. (Rating of 20)
- g. Medication - This factor rates the impact of any medication on an individual's ability to evacuate.
1. None - the individual does not take medication which can be expected to have an effect on the central nervous system for a chronic condition. (Rating of 0)
 2. Maintenance Medication - the individual routinely takes medications which can have some effect on the central nervous system, i.e., seizure controlling, antihistamines, mild tranquilizers, stimulants, etc. The primary purpose of these medications is not to induce sleep. (Rating of 4)

3. Nocturnal Medication - the individual routinely takes medication for the primary purpose of inducing or maintaining sleep. (Rating of 8)

1701.2 Fire Safety Requirements

All community residential settings are directed to operate in compliance with Level I requirements. Settings with an FRP which exceeds 300 are directed to additionally operate in compliance with Level II requirements.

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1701.2.1 Level I Fire Safety Requirements

At a minimum, all community residential settings shall meet the following:

- a. the address of the setting is posted and clearly visible from the street; if posting is not possible, local emergency services have been notified of the location of the home;
- b. smoke detectors are working and are appropriately placed in each of the following areas:
 1. bedrooms;
 2. rooms or hallways adjacent to bedrooms; and
 3. rooms or hallways adjacent to the kitchen.
- c. a minimum of one 2A, 10B, C fire extinguisher is available in the home; the maximum travel distance to access a fire extinguisher is 75 feet, without having to pass through a locked passageway; all fire extinguishers have been serviced annually or as recommended by the manufacturer; all fire extinguishers are tagged specifying the date of purchase or the date of servicing, whichever is more recent, and the company performing the servicing work, if applicable;
- d. all stairways, hallways, walkways and other routes of evacuation are free from obstacles that prohibit exit in case of emergency;

- e. each sleeping room has at least one operable window or door that opens onto a street, alley, yard or exit court for emergency exit;
- f. locks, bars, grilles, grates or similar devices installed on windows or doors which are used for emergency exit are equipped with release mechanisms which are operable from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort;
- g. a floor plan of the setting is available which designates the routes of evacuation, location of fire fighting equipment and location of evacuation devices. (Note: The floor plan is not required to be posted unless the setting serves seven or more individuals. In this case, the floor plan must be posted on each floor and wing, if applicable.);
- h. the setting has a working telephone;
- i. emergency telephone numbers for fire, police and local emergency medical personnel, or 911, as appropriate for the local community, are in close proximity to all telephones in the setting;
- j. electrical outlet plates are in good condition and cover the receptacle box;
- k. combustible and/or flammable materials are not stored within (three) 3 feet of furnaces, heaters or water heaters;
- l. as applicable, each operable fireplace in the setting is protected at all times by a fire screen or metal curtain; and
- m. the premises does not have an accumulation of litter, rubbish or garbage that may be considered a fire hazard.

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Level II Fire Safety Requirements

At a minimum, all community residential settings with a FRP which exceeds 300 shall meet the following:

- a. the setting is in full compliance with the Level I Fire Safety Standards;

- b. the setting is equipped with back-up lighting designed to illuminate a path to safety in case of power failure;
- c. unless the setting is equipped with a residential sprinkler system, two staff persons are on duty at all times;
- d. the setting is equipped with an early warning fire detection system OR a residential fire sprinkler system:
 - 1. an early warning fire detection system consists of smoke detectors in the sleeping and living areas and heat detectors in the high risk areas. These detectors are 110 volts with a battery back-up and wired so that all alarms sound when smoke is detected;
 - 2. residential fire sprinkler systems are installed by a Licensed Contractor (Plumbing or Sprinkler Installer).

1701.3 Fire Inspection

All community residential settings are directed to pass an annual fire inspection by state or local fire authorities. The annual fire inspection should document the setting's full compliance with Level I and, as applicable, Level II Fire Safety Requirements.

Documentation of the completed fire inspection should be maintained in the community residential setting.

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1702 Vehicle and Equipment Safety (RESERVED)

1703 Communicable/Infections Diseases (RESERVED)